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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b.) as being clearly anticipated by Okamura et al.

Okamura et al disclosed a resonator device (title) configured with a input port at one end and a termination at its other end (abstract), and for providing a frequency selective element for an oscillator (column 1, lines 10-13), the device comprising a substrate (column 1, lines 12-13); and a fractional wavelength transmission line (column 5, lines 18-29) on a surface of the substrate (column 5, lines 10-12), and formed into one or more loops (column 5, line 18) thereby providing a looped-stub resonator structure, wherein each edge or side (column 5, lines 13-18) of the one or more loops provides a portion of the fractional wavelength (column 5, equation 3); wherein the termination is one of a capacitor, a short circuit or an open circuit (column 3, lines 3-6); ... inner layer ... (figure2, 21 ...); ... dielectric or insulating layers ... (figure 2, 21 ...); ... conducting material layers ... (figure 21; column 9, lines 13-19); ... oscillator ... (title: "resonator", column 1, lines

11-12 "used in portable radio and the like" (for general use where resonators go)); ... physically changing the metal pattern ... (column 6, lines 55-61); ... physically changing the capacitive termination ... (column 6, lines 23-50); ... Q of 100 or greater ... (column 11, lines 26-30); ... module ... and ... common / different substrates ... and ... resonant frequency ... and ... dividers ... (column 1, lines 10-13 ... radio and the like ...).

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

4. The prior art does not show the combination of claim 20 and so claims 20-23 are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Mis whose telephone number is (571)272-1765. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571)272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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